

FISCAL NOTE
HB 775 - SB 1103

March 6, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Requires the Department of Transportation, beginning June 30, 2001, and every 6 months thereafter to submit a report to the General Assembly and the State Building Commission outlining the status of all highway and road projects as approved by the General Assembly as part of the Department's budget.
2. Requires the report to:
 - include a current list of projects being planned, projects under construction, and anticipated starting dates for projects not yet underway.
 - state the amount of the funds requested to date and the total estimated cost of the project.
 - identify significant changes in the cost, scope, design, or scheduling of major capital projects for each completed fiscal year.
 - state the amount by which the authorized expenditures exceed the original estimate, if there is a significant change in cost.
3. Requires the Commissioner of Transportation to publish a copy of the report in a newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state. Also requires the two most current reports to be posted and maintained on the Department of Transportation's Internet Web Page.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$470,700/Highway Fund

Estimate assumes:

- the Department of Transportation can include the additional information imposed by the provisions of this bill in the report currently being submitted to the State Building Commission on a quarterly basis as a result of Chapter 288 of the Public Acts of 1999.
- based on information provided by the Department of Transportation, a full page would be required to publish the data required by the bill. The estimated total cost for publishing a copy of the report in a newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state is approximately \$235,362 every 6 months. For information purposes, to purchase a full page in one major city's newspaper was quoted in excess of \$16,000. Rates for smaller newspapers would be significantly less.
- the report would be published twice each year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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